

II. Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 10, 16, 37, 40-41 and 44-46 of the above-identified patent application and add new claims 54-60 as follows:

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1. (Original, Withdrawn) A dermatological composition for the neutralization of an acid peel comprising an alkaline agent; and about 0.1 to about 10 percent of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent; wherein the pH of the composition is greater than about 7.
 2. (Original, Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1 wherein the pH of the composition is between about 7.1 and about 12.
 3. (Original, Withdrawn) The composition of claim 2 wherein the pH of the composition is between about 8 and about 8.5.
 4. (Original, Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 1% to about 5% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.
 5. (Original, Withdrawn) The composition of claim 4 comprising from about 2% to about 3% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.
 6. (Original, Withdrawn) The composition of claim 5 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent is selected from the group consisting of ceteareths, ceteths, cetyl alcohol, deceths, dodoxynols, glyceryl palmitate, glyceryl stearate, laneths, myreths, nonoxynols, octoxynols, oleths, PEG-castor oil, poloxamers, poloxamines, polysorbates, ammonium laureth sulfate and sodium laureth sulfate, and mixtures thereof.

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7. (Original, Withdrawn) The composition of claim 6 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent is octoxynol-9.

8. (Original, Withdrawn) The composition of claim 6 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent is polysorbate-20.

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9. (Original, Withdrawn) An absorbent pad saturated with the composition of claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of the skin of a consumer comprising the sequential steps of:

- a) applying to the skin a first dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] comprising an effective amount of an acid suitable as a skin renewing acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4, and allowing the first dermatological composition to dry on the skin; and
- b) neutralizing said first composition by applying to the skin a second dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] comprising an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition, and from about 0.1 to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second dermatological composition is greater than about 7 to about 12, and allowing the second dermatological composition to dry; wherein the first composition and the second composition are both applied by massaging into the skin and are not thereafter removed from the skin, wherein makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being]

optionally applied thereafter to the skin.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 7.1 and about 12.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 8 and about 8.5.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the second composition comprises from about 1% to about 5% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the second composition comprises from about 2% to about 3% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the surfactant/emulsifying agent of the second composition is selected from the group consisting of ceteareths, ceteths, cetyl alcohol, deceths, dodoxynols, glyceryl palmitate, glyceryl stearate, laneths, myreths, nonoxynols, octoxynols, oleths, PEG-castor oil, poloxamers, poloxamines, polysorbates, ammonium laureth sulfate and sodium laureth sulfate, and mixtures thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) A kit for treating the skin of a consumer by enhancement of skin appearance, comprising:

a first dermatological composition comprising an effective amount of an acid suitable as a skin renewing acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first

dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4;

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a second dermatological composition, which neutralizes said first dermatological composition, comprising an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition and about 0.1 to about 10 percent of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second dermatological composition is greater than about 7 to about 12; and

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a means for applying the first and second compositions to massage the first and the second compositions into the skin, the compositions being adapted for sequential application to the skin of the consumer, wherein the first composition and the second composition are of a [flowable liquid] consistency, which dries on the skin so that the compositions are not removed from the skin, and that makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being] optionally applied thereafter to the skin.

whereby said enhancement is selected from the group consisting of reduction of lines and wrinkles, reduction of pore size, exfoliation of the skin, elimination of acne, toning of the skin, enhancement of skin radiancy, and softer, smoother skin with a more uniform appearance; the first and second compositions, which are dermatological, causing said enhancement.

17. (Original) The kit of claim 16 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 7.1 and about 12.

18. (Original) The kit of claim 17 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 8 and about 8.5.

19. (Original) The kit of claim 16 wherein the second composition comprises from about 1% to about 5% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.

20. (Original) The kit of claim 19 wherein the second composition comprises from about 2% to about 3% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.

21. (Original) The kit of claim 20 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent is selected from the group consisting of ceteareths, ceteths, cetyl alcohol, deceths, dodoxynols, glyceryl palmitate, glyceryl stearate, laneths, myreths, nonoxynols, octoxynols, oleths, PEG-castor oil, poloxamers, poloxamines, polysorbates, ammonium laureth sulfate and sodium laureth sulfate, and mixtures thereof.

22. (Original) The kit of claim 21 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent of the second composition is octoxynol-9.

23. (Original) The kit of claim 22 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent of the second composition is polysorbate-20.

24. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of alpha hydroxy acid, beta hydroxy acid, and combinations thereof.

25. (Previously added) The method of claim 24 wherein the acid is an alpha hydroxy acid selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid and citric acid.

26. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy carboxylic acid, keto acid and hydroxybenzoic acid.

27. (Previously added, Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of mandelic acid, azelaic acid, glyceric acid, tartronic acid, gluconic acid, benzylic acid, pyruvic acid, ethyl pyruvate, 2-hydroxybutric acid, salicylic acid, and mixtures thereof.

28. (Previously added, Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein the salicylic acid is present from about 1% to about 3%.

29. (Previously added, Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein the salicylic acid is present in about 2%.

30. (Previously added, Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of mineral acid, trichloroacetic acid and ascorbic acid.

31. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the acid has a molecular weight from about 50 to about 250.

32. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the alkaline agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate and sodium hydroxide.

33. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the first composition and the

second composition are each applied with use of a pad.

34. (Previously added, Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the first composition and the second composition are each applied with use of a cotton ball.

35. (Previously added, Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the first composition and the second composition are each applied with the use of a cotton-tipped applicator.

36. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the effective amount of the acid is from about 0.1 to about 5%.

37. (Currently amended) A method for treatment of the skin of a consumer comprising the sequential steps of:

a) applying to the skin a first dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] comprising an effective amount of an acid selected from the group consisting of alpha hydroxy acid, beta hydroxy acid and trichloroacetic acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4, and allowing the first composition to dry on the skin; and

b) neutralizing said first composition by applying to the skin a second dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] comprising an alkaline agent selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate and sodium hydroxide, and from about 0.1 to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second dermatological composition is greater than about 7 to about 12,

and allowing the second composition to dry; wherein the first composition and the second composition are both applied by massaging into the skin and are not thereafter removed from the skin, wherein makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being] optionally applied thereafter to the skin.

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Cont. 38. (Previously added) The method of claim 37 wherein the first composition and the second composition are each applied with the use of a pad.

39. (Previously added) The method of claim 37 wherein the effective amount of the acid is from about 0.1 to about 5%.

40. (Currently amended) A method for treatment of the skin of a consumer comprising the sequential steps of:

a) applying to the skin a first dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] consisting essentially of an effective amount of an acid suitable as a skin renewing acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4, and allowing the first composition to dry on the skin; and

b) neutralizing said first composition by applying to the skin a second dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] consisting essentially of an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition, and from about 0.1 to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second dermatological composition is greater than about 7 to about 12, and allowing the second composition to dry; wherein the first composition and the second composition are both applied

by massaging into the skin and are not thereafter removed from the skin, wherein makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being] optionally applied thereafter to the skin.

41. (Currently amended) A kit for treating the skin of a consumer by enhancement of skin appearance, comprising:

a first dermatological composition comprising an effective amount of an acid suitable as a skin renewing acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4;

a second dermatological composition, which neutralizes said first dermatological composition, comprising an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition and about 0.1 to about 10 percent of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second dermatological composition is greater than about 7 to about 12; and

single-use pads for massaging the first and second compositions into the skin, the compositions being adapted for sequential application to the skin of the consumer, wherein the first composition and the second composition are of a [flowable liquid] consistency, which dries on the skin so that the compositions are not removed from the skin after application to the skin by use of a single-use pad, and that makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being] optionally applied thereafter to the skin;

whereby said enhancement is selected from the group consisting of reduction of lines and wrinkles, reduction of pore size, exfoliation of the skin, elimination of acne, toning of the skin,

enhancement of skin radiancy, and softer, smoother skin with a more uniform appearance; the first and second compositions, which are dermatological, causing said enhancement.

42. (Previously added) The kit of claim 41 wherein the effective amount of the acid is from about 0.1 to about 5%.

43. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the acid is a hydrophilic acid.

44. (Currently amended) A method for treatment of the skin of a consumer consisting essentially of the sequential steps of:

a) applying to the skin a first dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] comprising an effective amount of an acid suitable as a skin renewing acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4, and allowing the first dermatological composition to dry on the skin; and

b) neutralizing said first composition by applying to the skin a second dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable liquid consistency,] comprising an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition, and from about 0.1 to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second dermatological composition is greater than about 7 to about 12, and allowing the second dermatological composition to dry; wherein the first composition and the second composition are both applied with a pad by massaging into the skin and are not thereafter removed from the skin, wherein the first composition and the second composition are each applied with a pad, and

makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being] optionally applied thereafter to the skin.

45. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment of the skin of a consumer comprising the sequential steps of:

a) applying to the skin a first dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable consistency,] comprising an effective amount of a skin renewing acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the skin renewing acid is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy carboxylic acids, keto acids, hydroxybenzoic acids, and combinations thereof, and the pH of the first dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4, and allowing the first dermatological composition to dry on the skin; and

b) neutralizing said first composition by applying to the skin a second dermatological composition, [which is of a flowable consistency,] comprising an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition and from about 0.1 to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the alkaline agent is sodium bicarbonate or sodium hydroxide, and the pH of the second composition is greater than about 7 to about 12, and allowing the second dermatological composition to dry, wherein the first composition and the second composition are both applied by massaging into the skin and are not thereafter removed from the skin, wherein makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being] optionally applied thereafter to the skin.

46. (Currently amended) A kit for treating the skin of a consumer by enhancement of skin appearance, comprising:

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a first dermatological composition comprising an effective amount of a skin renewing acid in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the skin renewing acid is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy carboxylic acids, keto acids, hydroxybenzoic acids, and combinations thereof, and the pH of the first dermatological composition is between about 2.5 and about 4; and

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a second dermatological composition, which neutralizes said first dermatological composition, comprising an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition and from about 0.1 to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the alkaline agent is sodium bicarbonate or sodium hydroxide, and the pH of the second dermatological composition is greater than about 7 to about 12; and

a means for applying the first and second compositions to massage the first and the second compositions into the skin, the compositions being adapted for sequential application to the skin of the consumer, wherein the first composition and the second composition are of a [flowable liquid] consistency, which dries on the skin so that the compositions are not removed from the skin, and that makeup or other cosmetic is [capable of being] optionally applied thereafter to the skin;

whereby said enhancement is selected from the group consisting of reduction of lines and wrinkles, reduction of pore size, exfoliation of the skin, elimination of acne, toning of the skin, enhancement of skin radiancy, and softer, smoother skin with a more uniform appearance; the first and second compositions, which are dermatological, causing said enhancement.

47. (Previously added) The method of claim 10 wherein the first dermatological composition and the second dermatological composition are applied to a face.

48. (Previously added) The method of claim 37 wherein the first dermatological composition and the second dermatological composition are applied to the face.

49. (Previously added) The method of claim 40 wherein the first dermatological composition and the second dermatological composition are applied to a face.

50. (Previously added) The method of claim 44 wherein the first dermatological composition and the second dermatological composition are applied to a face.

51. (Previously added) The kit of claim 16 wherein the first dermatological composition and the second dermatological composition are facial compositions.

52. (Previously added) The kit of claim 41 wherein the first dermatological composition and the second dermatological composition are facial compositions.

53. (Previously added) The kit of claim 46 wherein the first dermatological composition and the second dermatological composition are facial compositions.

54. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.

55. (New) The kit of claim 16 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.

56. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.

57. (New) The method of claim 40 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.

58. (New) The kit of claim 41 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.

59. (New) The method of claim 44 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.

60. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.

61. (New) The kit of claim 46 wherein the first composition and the second composition are liquid.